

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 2, 2009 at 3:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: 332, 1/28/2009; 335, 1/28/2009

HEARING ON HB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. Dennis Getz (D), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 332, Address conflict between open meeting and student participation issues.

Proponents:

00:05:19 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:09:27 Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:06 Rep. Wilmer
00:10:41 Mr. Melton
00:10:54 Rep. Wilmer
00:11:09 Mr. Melton
00:11:23 Rep. Lake
00:12:39 Mr. Melton
00:14:05 Chairman Grinde
00:14:22 Mr. Melton
00:14:32 Rep. Lake
00:14:50 Chairman Grinde
00:14:54 Rep. Washburn
00:15:28 Rep. Getz
00:16:17 Rep. Washburn
00:17:05 Rep. Getz
00:17:17 Rep. Washburn
00:17:34 Chairman Grinde
00:17:45 Mr. Melton
00:19:08 Rep. Fleming
00:19:32 Mr. Melton
00:19:57 Rep. Fleming
00:20:18 Mr. Melton
00:20:32 Rep. Brown
00:20:57 Mr. Melton
00:21:27 Rep. Brown
00:21:58 Rep. Getz
00:22:10 Rep. Boniek
00:23:00 Mr. Melton
00:23:54 Chairman Grinde

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:00 Rep. Getz

HEARING ON HB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:44 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 335, Revise time of calculating ANB.

Proponents:

00:26:56 Rep. Brown

Opponents:

00:28:56 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
00:31:06 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Schools of Helena
00:33:36 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction
00:39:29 Tom Bilodeau, Director of Research, MEA/MFT
00:44:28 Chairman Grinde

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:46 Rep. Brown
00:45:26 Mr. Bilodeau
00:45:46 Rep. Brown
00:46:06 Mr. Bilodeau
00:46:40 Rep. Brown
00:47:20 Ms. Anderson
00:49:13 Rep. Brown
00:49:50 Ms. Anderson
00:50:02 Rep. Butcher
00:50:40 Ms. Anderson
00:51:16 Rep. Butcher
00:51:54 Ms. Anderson
00:52:41 Rep. Butcher
00:53:51 Rep. Washburn
00:54:25 Rep. Bean
00:54:52 Ms. Anderson
00:55:07 Rep. Bean
00:55:39 Ms. Anderson
00:55:57 Mr. Messinger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:40 Rep. Washburn

00:57:39 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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